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**Supplemental Response to Final Office Action**

Sir:

Kindly enter this paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated, December 6, 2012.

This paper is presented in the following sections: (1) Introductory comments, (2) Amendments to the Claims and (3) Remarks.

**(1) Introductory Comments**

This paper presents amended claims and arguments believed sufficient to address rejections under 35 USC §112 and to overcome the prior art rejection made in the outstanding rejection.

In view of applicant's presentation of the amended claims and the following remarks that point out the patentable distinctions over the cited prior art, it is believed that all claims should now be allowed.

Claims 3, 5, 6 and 8-18 are now present in this application.

No claims are currently cancelled.